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WHEREAS, **INTEGRATED VASCULAR SYSTEMS, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 743 Pastoria Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94086-2918 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention; and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the United States Commissioner of Patents and

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ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents in the United States or in any foreign country, which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

WITNESS my hand at Sunnyvale, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

  
ANTHONY PANTAGES

WITNESS my hand at Sunnyvale, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

  
RONALD J. JABBA

WITNESS my hand at Sunnyvale, California, this 4 day of June, 2002.

  
RICHARD S. GINN